Extrabudgetary

At this stage, it is envisaged that extrabudgetary resources of approximately US$ 750,000 over an initial period of two years would be required to carry out the requested activities.

F. Potential for absorption

On an ongoing basis, extrabudgetary resources will be sought in support of the ESCAP programme of work, with particular emphasis on issues identified in the context of this declaration. The successful implementation of the approved programme of work requires no increase beyond the regular budget and extrabudgetary resource estimates indicated in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/60/6), which already takes into account pledges for related activities.

G. Summary

a. With regard to the reference to "within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available" in operative paragraph 2 of the draft declaration, it will be recalled that the General Assembly, in part VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters:

   i. Reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

   ii. Reaffirms also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

   iii. Expresses its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

   iv. Invites the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

b. By paragraph 45 of its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, the General Assembly endorsed an observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding the reference to "existing resources", whereby the Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform intergovernmental organs concerned thoroughly and accurately whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity;

c. The implementation of the activities envisaged in the draft declaration will have no additional cost implications for the regular budget of the United Nations and extrabudgetary resources amounting to approximately US$ 750,000 over an initial period of two years will be sought for the implementation of the required activities.

III. Programme budget implications of the draft resolution on the implementation of the Plan of Action for Sustainable Tourism Development in Asia and the Pacific, Phase II (2006-2012) and the Regional Action Programme for Sustainable Tourism Development

Adopted as resolution 62/3

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

In the draft resolution, the Commission, requests the Executive Secretary, within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available:

(a) To continue to accord priority to the secretariat's activities in the area of tourism;

(b) To take effective measures to encourage the implementation of the Regional Action Programme, as annexed to the present resolution;

(c) To prepare and conduct a regional study on the role of tourism in socio-economic development, including a common approach to the monitoring of the implementation of the Plan of Action, for submission to and consideration by the Commission at its sixty-third session, in 2007;

(d) To document and disseminate case studies and good practices, such as rural tourism, in utilizing tourism as an entry point to the poverty reduction process;

(e) To undertake activities described in the Regional Action Programme in the following five thematic areas: (i) enhancement of the role of tourism in socio-economic development and poverty reduction; (ii) facilitation of travel and the development of transport and other tourism-related infrastructure; (iii) sociocultural and environmental management of tourism; (iv) crisis and risk management in tourism; and (v) human resources development in the tourism sector;

(f) To promote regional cooperation and support subregional initiatives in the tourism sector, in particular regional networking arrangements through the Network of Asia-Pacific Education and Training Institutes in Tourism;

(g) To continue cooperation with the World Tourism Organization and other relevant organizations in implementing the above activities;

(h) To promote the participation of national experts from members and, as appropriate, associate members in ESCAP technical cooperation activities;

(i) To make efforts to enhance regional cooperation and the capacity of members and, as appropriate, associate members in promoting tourist safety, security and comfort;

(j) To report to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session session on the implementation of the Plan of Action.

B. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007

The requests contained in the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 5, Transport and tourism, for the biennium 2006-2007. The requests are in line with the overall objective of the subprogramme: to improve the movement of goods and people and to strengthen the role of tourism in economic and social development.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

(1) Background of the requests

The background of the requests is set out in the preambular paragraphs of the draft resolution.

(2) Activities (with time frame, where applicable) by which the requests would be implemented

Request (a)

The secretariat will continue to design projects and programmes, within the existing mandate of ESCAP, that promote the development of tourism in the region.

Request (b)

The secretariat will formulate projects to implement technical assistance activities within the framework of the Regional Action Programme. Project activities will be undertaken in partnership with other organizations, including the World Tourism Organization.

Request (c)

The secretariat will prepare a regional study on the role of tourism in socio-economic development, for submission and consideration by the Commission at its sixty-third session, in 2007.

Request (d)

Under the current project "Regional cooperation in enhancing the role of tourism in socio-economic development and poverty alleviation", case studies and good practices in utilizing tourism as an entry point to the poverty reduction process will continue to be collected and disseminated to member countries during the biennium 2006-2007.

Request (e)

During the period covered by the Plan of Action and its Regional Action Programme, the secretariat's work will focus on capacity-building, policy-oriented research and promotion of regional cooperation, and the convening of regional seminars, meetings and workshops in the following five thematic areas: (i) enhancement of the role of tourism in socio-economic development and poverty reduction; (ii) facilitation of travel and the development of transport and other tourism-related infrastructure; (iii) sociocultural and environmental management of tourism; (iv) crisis and risk management in tourism; and (v) human resources development in the tourism sector. These activities will be implemented in collaboration with the World Tourism Organization and other relevant organizations. Expertise available in member institutes of the Network of Asia-Pacific Education and Training Institutes in Tourism (APETIT) will be increasingly utilized in this process.

Request (f)

The secretariat will promote the sharing of experience and good practices in tourism development and support regional and subregional initiatives in the tourism sector, in particular regional networking arrangements through APETIT. APETIT, established by ESCAP in 1997, now has 211 members in 42 countries. Expertise available in APETIT institutes will be fully utilized in the secretariat's capacity-building activities.

Request (g)

For many years, ESCAP has been enjoying mutually-beneficial working relationships with the World Tourism Organization and other relevant organizations. ESCAP will continue to collaborate with these organizations in the implementation of the Regional Action Programme.

Request (h)

The secretariat will continue to include national experts from members and, as appropriate, associate members, in ESCAP technical cooperation activities.

Request (i)

The subject of tourist safety, security and comfort will be included in regional/national seminars to be organized by the secretariat during the period covered by the Plan of Action. These seminars will include follow-up activities to the secretariat's work on crisis management.

Request (j)

The secretariat will report to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session on the implementation of the Plan of Action.

D. Modification required of the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

The draft resolution does not require any modification of the programme of work.

E. Additional regular or extrabudgetary requirements at full cost for 2006-2007

Approximately US$ 1.4 million for the seven-year period from 2006 to 2012 would be required to implement fully the technical assistance activities proposed in the Regional Action Programme, compared with the current level of about US$ 70,000 per annum for tourism development projects. Project proposals with respect to the regional study, the outcomes of which are to be reported to the Commission at its sixty-third session, and relevant technical cooperation projects will be formulated for consideration by donors and other agencies, inviting voluntary contributions to support the work of the secretariat.

F. Potential for absorption

Please see section G.

G. Summary

a. With regard to the reference "within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available" in operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, it will be recalled that the General Assembly by its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters:

i. Reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

ii. Reaffirms also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

iii. Expresses its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

iv. Invites the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

b. By its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, the General Assembly endorsed an observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding reference to "existing resources", whereby the Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform intergovernmental organs concerned thoroughly and accurately whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity;

c. The implementation of the activities envisaged in the draft resolution will have no additional cost implications for the regular budget of the United Nations, and extrabudgetary resources amounting to approximately $US 1.4 million for the seven-year period from 2006 to 2012 will be sought for the implementation of the required activities.

IV. Programme budget implications of the draft resolution on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network

Adopted as resolution 62/4

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

In the draft resolution, the Commission requests the Executive Secretary, within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available:

(a) To facilitate member countries in the process of becoming signatories and parties to the Agreement;

(b) To accord priority to the development of the Trans-Asian Railway within the ESCAP work programme;

(c) To collaborate effectively with international and regional financing institutions, multilateral and bilateral donors and international organizations for the development and operationalization of the Trans-Asian Railway network;

(d) To continue to work towards the development of an integrated, international, intermodal transport network in Asia, including the development of appropriate intermodal facilities and through the planning and implementation of demonstration runs of container block-trains on other corridors of the Trans-Asian Railway network, as appropriate;

(e) To continue to work towards the development of an integrated Euro-Asian transport system, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Europe and other interested organizations, as appropriate;

(f) To discharge effectively the functions of the secretariat of the Agreement;

(g) To report to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session on the implementation of the resolution.

B. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007

The requests contained in the draft resolution are consistent with the programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007, under subprogramme 5, Transport and tourism. The requests are in line with the overall objective of the subprogramme, to improve the movement of goods and people and to strengthen the role of tourism in economic and social development. Outputs in the areas of working groups and technical materials included in the plan for 2006-2007 are directly relevant to the Agreement.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

(1) Background of the requests

The background of the requests is set out in the preambular paragraphs of the draft resolution. The requests arise from the finalization of the Agreement at the intergovernmental meeting held in Bangkok in November 2005.

(2) Activities (with time frame, where applicable) by which the requests would be implemented

Request 6 (a)

Technical cooperation activities (correspondence, training and advisory missions as necessary) will be planned to promote the entry into force of the Agreement effectively.

Request 6 (b)

Promotion and development of the Trans-Asian Railway network is one of the priority programmes of the secretariat, and the secretariat would continue to accord it priority.

Request 6 (c)

The secretariat will collaborate with international and regional financial institutions and other organizations by inviting them, in a similar way as with the Asian Highway network, to participate in secretariat activities to promote the development and operationalization of the Trans-Asian Railway network.

Request 6 (d)

The secretariat will continue to work with member countries towards the development of an integrated international intermodal transport network in Asia, including through the development of appropriate intermodal facilities and through the planning and implementation of demonstration runs of container block-trains on other corridors of the Trans-Asian Railway network, as appropriate.

Request 6 (e)

The secretariat will continue to work towards the development of an integrated Euro-Asian transport system, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Europe and other interested organizations, as appropriate.

Request 6 (f)

As ESCAP is named as the secretariat of the Agreement, administrative support will be provided to discharge the functions of the secretariat effectively, such as circulating notifications, supporting the organization of working group meetings and liaising closely with the Office of Legal Affairs, when the Agreement comes into force.

Request 6 (g)

The secretariat will prepare a report on the implementation of the resolution for submission to, and consideration by, the Commission at its sixty-forth session, in 2008.

(3) Relation to the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

The requests relate directly to the programme of work for 2006-2007: the Working Group on the Trans-Asian Railway Network (para. 18.54 (a)(v) of A/60/6 (Sect. 18)) and technical cooperation activities in the areas of transport policy, infrastructure, planning and facilitation (para. 18.54 (c)(i) of A/60/6 (Sect. 18)).

(4) Implications for the programme of work for 2008-2009

It is expected that relevant technical cooperation activities will continue in the biennium 2008-2009.

D. Modification required of the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

(1) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies

The implementation of the requests would not require any modification.

(2) Other substantive activities

The implementation of the requests would not require any modification.

(3) Technical cooperation

The implementation of the requests would not require any modification. Technical cooperation activities would be planned within the approved programme of work to promote the Agreement effectively and to discharge the functions of the secretariat of the Agreement.

E. Additional regular or extrabudgetary requirements at full cost for 2006-2007 in relation to item D above

No additional regular budget resources would be required for the biennium 2006-2007. Extrabudgetary resources would be sought from donors to finance the technical cooperation activities.

F. Potential for absorption

Please see section G.

G. Summary

a. With regard to reference to "within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available" in operative paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, it will be recalled that the General Assembly in its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters:

   i. Reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

   ii. Reaffirms also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

   iii. Expresses its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

   iv. Invites the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

b. By its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, the General Assembly endorsed an observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding reference to "existing resources", whereby the Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform intergovernmental organs concerned thoroughly and accurately whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity;

c. The implementation of the activities envisaged in the draft resolution has the following budgetary implications for the biennium 2006-2007 and subsequent bienniums:

Regular budget

No additional budgetary requirements are envisaged; however, it would be necessary to maintain the 2006-2007 regular budget level for subprogramme 5, Transport and tourism.

Extrabudgetary resources

Approximately US$ 200,000 for the two-year period encompassing 2006 and 2007 and for each subsequent biennium would be required to support the technical cooperation activities.

V. Programme budget implications of the draft resolution on building the information society in Asia and the Pacific

Adopted as resolution 62/5

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

In the draft resolution, the Commission requests the Executive Secretary, within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available:

(a) To undertake actions, using a multi-stakeholder approach, including with the participation of the private sector and civil society, to promote the exchange of information and best practices at the regional level and to facilitate policy debate on the use of information and communication technology for development, with a focus on attaining the internationally agreed development goals and objectives, including the Millennium Development Goals;

(b) To organize expert group meetings, in coordination with the International Telecommunication Union and other relevant organizations, as appropriate, to promote capacity-building in developing countries for monitoring the information society;

(c) To assist member States with technical and relevant information for the development of regional strategies and the implementation of the outcomes of regional conferences, to develop policies and plans focusing on communications technology applications;

(d) To continue, within its existing mandate, effective coordination and evaluation of activities at the regional level of all United Nations and international organizations concerned, including through the Regional Inter-agency Working Group on ICT;

(e) To build capacity consistent with the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and encourage the active and collective efforts of all stakeholders and, especially, partnership among Governments, the private sector and civil society in transforming the digital divide into digital opportunities and bringing the benefits of information and communication technology to all;

(f) To continue the preparations for the Third Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific as an important mechanism for regional follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society;

(g) To report to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session on the implementation of the resolution.

B. Relationship of the requests to the strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007

The requests contained in the draft resolution are consistent with the strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007 under subprogramme 7, Information, communication and space technology.

The objective of the subprogramme is to improve access to, and the development, transfer and application of information, communication and space technology in order to maximize the benefits of globalization. These were highlighted by the Tehran Declaration and the Regional Action Plan towards the Information Society in Asia and the Pacific adopted by the High-level Asia-Pacific Conference for the World Summit on the Information Society.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

(1) Background of the requests

The background of the request is set out in the preambular paragraphs of the draft resolution.

(2) Activities (with a time frame, where applicable) by which the requests would be implemented

Request (a)

ESCAP will hold the first expert group meeting in 2006 with the objective of creating a regional framework for the operationalization of the Regional Action Plan. In subsequent bienniums, expert group meetings will be held with the objective of monitoring the implementation of the regional commitments and those stemming from the World Summit on the Information Society.

Request (b)

The secretariat would formulate and implement technical cooperation projects for capacity-building in developing countries for monitoring the information society with participation of national experts from members and, as appropriate, associate members.

Request (c)

The secretariat would formulate and implement technical cooperation projects and conduct analytical research designed to assist member States in creating an ICT-enabling policy framework and implementing development-focused ICT and space technology applications.

Request (d)

The secretariat currently chairs the Regional Inter-agency Working Group on ICT and will continue its participation for the coordination and monitoring of the relevant regional activities. An evaluation of the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society has been included in the evaluation plan of ESCAP.

Request (e)

Major groups, including the private sector and civil society groups, would be invited to participate in the formulation and implementation of different ICT programmes so that multi-stakeholder concerns would be reflected in their outcomes. The secretariat would closely cooperate with the members of the Regional Inter-agency Working Group on ICT and other stakeholders in the implementation of its activities.

Request (f)

The secretariat would continue the preparations for the Third Ministerial Conference, which is scheduled to be held in Malaysia in 2007.

Request (g)

The secretariat would report to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session on the implementation of the resolution.

(3) Relation to the programme of work for 2006-2007

The above activities have already been reflected in the programme of work for 2006-2007.

(4) Implications for the programme of work for 2008-2009 (to be prepared by the end of 2006)

The outcomes of the High-level Regional Conference and the World Summit on the Information Society would be reflected in the programme of work for 2008-2009.

D. Modification required of the programme of work for 2006-2007

The implementation of the requests would not require any modification of the programme of work for 2006-2007.

E. Additional regular or extrabudgetary requirements at full cost for 2006-2007 in relation to item D above

There is no additional cost requirement under the regular budget. The organization of the expert group meeting [Request (a)] in 2006 has already been supported by the regular budget provision in the programme of work for 2006. Approximately US$ 300,000 per annum of extra budgetary resources would be required to cover different projects and programmes for the implementation of the Regional Action Plan and the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.

F. Potential for absorption

Please see section G.

G. Summary

a. With regard to reference to "within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available" in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, it will be recalled that the General Assembly by its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters:

i. Reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

ii. Reaffirms also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

iii. Expresses its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

iv. Invites the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

b. By its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, the General Assembly endorsed an observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding reference to "existing resources", whereby the Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform intergovernmental organs concerned thoroughly and accurately whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity;

c. The resolution will have no additional cost implications for the 2006-2007 regular budget of the United Nations. However, the implementation of the activities envisaged in the draft resolution will depend on availability of additional extrabudgetary funding for the biennium 2006-2007 in the amount of up to $300,000, which will be sought accordingly.

VI. Programme budget implications of the draft resolution on managing globalization through strengthened regional cooperation in trade and investment

Adopted as resolution 62/6

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

In the draft resolution, the Commission requests the Executive Secretary, within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available:

(a) To continue efforts, in collaboration with regional and global partners, to undertake policy-oriented analytical work and provide technical assistance to ESCAP members and, as appropriate, associate members in order to increase their human and institutional capacity:

(i) To negotiate, conclude and implement multilateral and regional trade agreements, with a specific focus on strengthening the World Trade Organization/ESCAP Programme of Technical Assistance for Asia and the Pacific;

(ii) To formulate and implement trade efficiency and e-commerce practices for enhancing international competitiveness;

(iii) To create a domestic policy environment conducive to the development of small and medium-sized enterprises and the mobilization of stable financial and investment flows;

(iv) To promote a competitive knowledge-based economy through the development of science-based knowledge and the transfer of technology;

(b) To continue to evaluate and analyse regional and bilateral trade agreements involving ESCAP members and, as appropriate, associate members;

(c) To take measures upon entry into force of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement to strengthen the Agreement as an effective mechanism to promote regional cooperation in trade and related issues in conformity with the principles and rules of the multilateral trading system;

(d) To continue to organize policy dialogues in the context of managing globalization, not only among policymakers but also between government, private sector and civil society representatives, including through the Asia-Pacific Business Forum;

(e) In undertaking trade capacity-building assistance, to accord priority to the special needs of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, countries with economies in transition and small island developing States;

(f) To report to the Commission, at its sixty-fourth session, on the implementation of the resolution.

B. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007

The requests contained in the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 4, Trade and investment, for the biennium 2006-2007. The requests are in line with the overall objective of the subprogramme for members and associate members to benefit more fully from the globalization process through increased global and regional trade and investment flows. Specific outputs are related to the servicing of intergovernmental bodies (A/60/6, para. 18.49 (a) (v) (sect. 18)) and technical cooperation activities (A/60/6, para. 18.49 (c) (i)-(iii) (sect. 18)). No changes in the objectives or expected accomplishments of the strategic framework are anticipated at this stage.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

(1) Background of the requests

The background of the requests is set out in the preambular paragraphs of the draft resolution.

(2) Activities (with time frame, where applicable) by which the requests would be implemented

(a) Research and analytical studies on policy-oriented trade and investment issues, including through the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT);

(b) WTO/ESCAP Technical Assistance Programme;

(c) Online Preferential Trade Agreements Database in Asia and the Pacific (APPTAD); inclusion of statistical data and development of indicators for benchmarking and comparative analysis of regional trade agreements contained in the database;

(d) Organization of multi-stakeholder policy dialogues on trade and investment, including the Asia Pacific Business Forum;

(e) The secretariat, in undertaking the above-indicated activities, will accord priority to the special needs of least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, countries with economies in transition and small island developing States;

(f) Development and implementation of tools for trade facilitation and e-commerce needs and priority assessment;

(g) Undertaking activities related to creating a domestic policy environment conducive to the development of small and medium-sized enterprises and the mobilization of stable financial and investment flows;

(h) Undertaking activities to promote science- and technology-based knowledge and innovation to enhance export competitiveness;

(i) Advisory services in the above areas;

(j) The secretariat will report to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session on the implementation of the resolution.

(3) Relation to the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

Outputs for relevant technical cooperation projects are reflected in the programme of work for 2006-2007.

(4) Implications for the programme of work for 2008-2009

Outputs for the relevant technical cooperation projects will be reflected in the programme of work for 2008-2009.

D. Modification required of the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

The draft resolution does not require any modification of the programme of work for 2006-2007 since no changes in the objectives or expected accomplishments are anticipated at this stage.

(1) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies

No modification required

(2) Other substantive activities

No modification required

(3) Technical cooperation

None

E. Additional regular or extrabudgetary requirements at full cost for 2006-2007 in relation to item D above

There are no additional regular budget requirements for 2006-2007. Relevant technical cooperation projects will be funded on the basis of the indicative planning figure for extrabudgetary-funded activities under the approved 2006-2007 programme budget. An amount of $300,000 in extrabudgetary funds per year will be sought from donors for the implementation of planned activities for the biennium 2006-2007.

F. Potential for absorption

See section E above. Please also see section G.

G. Summary

a. With regard to the reference to "within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available" in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, it will be recalled that the General Assembly by its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters:

i. Reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

ii. Also reaffirms the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

iii. Expresses its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

iv. Invites the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

b. By its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, the General Assembly endorsed an observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding reference to "existing resources", whereby the Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform intergovernmental organs concerned thoroughly and accurately whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity;

c. This resolution will have no additional cost implications for the 2006-2007 regular budget of the United Nations. However, the implementation of the activities envisaged in the draft resolution will depend on the availability of additional extrabudgetary funding for the biennium 2006-2007 in the amount of up to $300,000. The same level of resources, adjusted for inflation, will be required for subsequent bienniums.

VII. Programme budget implications of the draft resolution on strengthening regional cooperation and coordination of early warning system arrangements for tsunamis through the Multi-Donor Voluntary Trust Fund on Tsunami Early Warning Arrangements in the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia

Adopted as resolution 62/7

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

In the draft resolution, the Commission requests the Executive Secretary to ensure that the Voluntary Trust Fund is administered efficiently, effectively and transparently, in accordance with the terms and conditions and objectives of the Fund.

B. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007

The request contained in the draft resolution falls mainly under subprogramme 6, Environment and sustainable development, for the biennium 2006-2007. The request is in line with the overall objective of the subprogramme, which is to facilitate the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development, namely economic development, social development and environmental protection. It is also related to technical cooperation outputs on disaster management and early warning systems on tsunamis and other natural disasters in the region.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

(1) Background of the requests

The background of the request is set out in the preambular paragraphs of the draft resolution.

(2) Activities (with time frame, where applicable) by which the requests would be implemented

The secretariat would implement activities, within the existing mandate of ESCAP, by ensuring that the Trust Fund is administered efficiently, effectively and transparently.

(3) Implications for the programme of work for 2008-2009

It is expected that relevant technical cooperation activities will continue in the biennium 2008-2009.

D. Modification required of the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

The implementation of activities would not require any modification of the programme of work.

E. Additional regular or extrabudgetary requirements at full cost for 2006-2007 in relation to item D above

No regular budget resources will be required. Total extrabudgetary contributions of US$ 12.5 million have been made to the Trust Fund.

F. Potential for absorption

Please see section G.

G. Summary

The resolution will have no additional cost implications for the regular budget of the United Nations. No new sources of funding are foreseen as being needed to cover the activities requested in the resolution, other than the extrabudgetary resources provided under the Trust Fund.

VIII. Programme budget implications of the draft resolution on the implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade

Adopted as resolution 62/8

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

In the draft resolution, the Commission requests the Executive Secretary, within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available:

(a) To assess, within the monitoring of the progress attained in the regional implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, the implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade;

(b) To report on the implementation of the resolution to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session.

B. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007

The nature of the requests contained in the draft resolution falls under subprogramme 8, Social development, including persistent and emerging issues, of the programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007 (Expected accomplishment (a): increased national capacity to promote accessibility of services for socially vulnerable groups).

Resolution 60/1, entitled "Shanghai Declaration", adopted by the Commission at its sixtieth session, in 2004, reaffirms the commitment of members and associate members to effectively implement in the Asian and Pacific region the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade and provides the strategic direction for regional activities to implement this commitment [paragraphs 17 (b) and 18 (c)].

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

(1) Background of the requests

The background of the request is set out in the preambular paragraphs of the draft resolution.

The draft resolution requests the Executive Secretary of ESCAP to assess the regional implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade within the monitoring of progress in the regional implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, rather than all the aspects of the United Nations Literacy Decade.

ESCAP cooperates closely with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) which, as the global lead agency in the promotion of literacy and education worldwide, has been monitoring the implementation of the United Nations Literacy Decade worldwide, including that in the Asian and Pacific region. A regional report entitled "The United Nations Literacy Decade in Asia and the Pacific: Progress to Date" was issued by UNESCO in 2005. UNESCO is currently preparing a progress report on the implementation of the United Nations Literacy Decade for 2006-2007 and implementing a special programme, "Literacy Initiative for Empowerment" (LIFE), to boost the implementation of the United Nations Literacy Decade, which includes a number of Asian and Pacific countries.

(2) Activities (with time frame, where applicable) by which the requests would be implemented

Request (a)

1. The secretariat will integrate the relevant aspects of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade into its existing work under subprogramme 8, Social development, including persistent and emerging issues, of the programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007 relating to youth and people with disabilities, who are among the target groups identified by the International Plan, gender, social services, older persons and the family in Asia and the Pacific. Education, including literacy, will be considered in the implementation of these activities.

2. The secretariat will integrate the assessment of the relevant aspects of the regional implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade into the monitoring of the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific.

3. The secretariat will work to further strengthen the collaboration between ESCAP and UNESCO as well as other United Nations agencies and bodies in the assessment of the regional implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade and related activities aimed at promoting literacy for all in connection with the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals.

Request (b)

The secretariat will report to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session on the implementation of the resolution.

(3) Relation to the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

The requests relate to the expected accomplishment, under programme 15, subprogramme 8 of the biennial programme plan and priorities, for the biennium 2006-2007, of increased national capacity to promote accessibility of services for socially vulnerable groups and to monitor progress in achieving the internationally agreed goals contained in the Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of major United Nations conferences pertaining to poverty reduction, gender equality, health and socially vulnerable groups.

(4) Implications for the programme of work for 2008-2009

As the implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade will continue until the end of 2012, the completion of the Decade, the assessment of its regional implementation will therefore be required to be carried on until the end of 2012, which is expected to have implications for the programme of work for 2008-2009 and beyond.

D. Modification required of the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

The implementation of the request would not require any modification of the programme of work for 2006-2007.

E. Additional regular budget or extrabudgetary requirements at full cost for 2006-2007 in relation to item D above

Regular budget

No additional regular budget resources are required for 2006-2007 in relation to item C and item D since the activities listed in item C fall within the existing capacity and activities of the secretariat.

Extrabudgetary

No additional extrabudgetary funds are required to implement the activities listed under item C as the assessment of the regional implementation of the relevant aspects of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade will be integrated into the related existing work under the programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007.

F. Potential for absorption

Regular budget

No regular budget reallocation is required for 2006-2007.

Extrabudgetary

See item E above.

G. Summary

a. With regard to the reference "within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available" in operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, it will be recalled that the General Assembly by its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters:

i. Reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

ii. Reaffirms also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

iii. Expresses its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

iv. Invites the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

b. By its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, the General Assembly endorsed an observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding reference to "existing resources", whereby the Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform intergovernmental organs concerned thoroughly and accurately whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity;

c. The activities envisaged in the draft resolution, including the continued assessment of the regional implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade within the monitoring of the regional implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, fall within the existing capacity and activities of the secretariat. As such, there are no budgetary implications for the programme of work for 2006-2007. Since the resolution is open-ended, similar activities will be required under the programme of work for 2008-2009. Thus, no budgetary implications are foreseen for the programme of work for 2008-2009.

IX. Programme budget implications of the draft resolution on regional follow-up to the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Adopted as resolution 62/9

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

In the draft resolution, the Commission, requests the Executive Secretary, within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available:

(a) To ensure that the activities of ESCAP, consistent with its programme of work, take into account the special needs of the small island developing States, as contained in the Mauritius Strategy;

(b) To review, analyse and disseminate information, as appropriate, on economic and social development in small island developing States, in line with the Mauritius Strategy;

(c) To provide regional inputs, as appropriate, into the final review of the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy.

It also requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session on the implementation of the resolution.

B. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007

The requests contained in the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 3, Development of Pacific island countries and territories. These are in line with the objectives and expected accomplishments of the subprogramme, aimed at promoting the "increased capacity of national Governments in Pacific island developing countries and territories to monitor and achieve progress in achieving internationally agreed development goals", including the ones stipulated under the Mauritius Strategy.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

(1) Background of the requests

The background of the requests is set out in the preambular paragraphs of the draft resolution.

(2) Activities (with time frame, where applicable) by which the requests would be implemented

Request (a)

Through the annual Advisory Council of the United Nations-ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre (UN-EPOC) and the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries, which meets every alternate year (2006 and 2008), the secretariat will review the implementation of its activities under various themes and subprogrammes specifically for the benefit of Pacific island developing countries (programmed regular budget activity). In addition, the Working Group on Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries meets twice annually to ensure that the work of the secretariat reflects the priorities of these groups of countries (programmed regular budget activity).

Request (b)

The annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* reviews and analyses socio-economic development in, inter alia, the Pacific island developing countries, which is in line with the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. Through this publication, the secretariat will be able to disseminate widely information on economic and social development in small island developing States (programmed regular budget activity).

Request (c)

The secretariat will seek regional inputs into the final review of the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy at the tenth session of the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries in 2008. The substantive documents will be prepared by the secretariat and the cost of travel for the participants from Pacific island developing countries will be covered from the Pacific Trust Fund of ESCAP. As the present activity falls under the programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009, the secretariat in due course will incorporate the proposed activity accordingly.

Request (d)

The secretariat will report to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session on the implementation of the resolution.

D. Modification required of the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

The draft resolution does not require any modification of the programme of work.

E. Additional regular or extrabudgetary requirements at full cost for 2006-2007 in relation to item D above

The requested activities will be implemented through the existing outputs, meetings and mechanism and as such do not require additional resources.

F. Potential for absorption

The costs for implementation of the resolution can be covered from existing resources, such as the Pacific Trust Fund, which currently covers the costs for the participation of representatives of Pacific island developing countries at the Commission and the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries.

G. Summary

a. With regard to the reference to "within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available" in operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, it will be recalled that the General Assembly by its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters:

i. Reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

ii. Reaffirms also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

iii. Expresses its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

iv. Invites the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

b. By its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, the General Assembly endorsed an observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding reference to "existing resources", whereby the Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform intergovernmental organs concerned thoroughly and accurately whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity;

c. The resolution will have no additional cost implications for the regular budget of the United Nations and the existing mechanism, and extrabudgetary resources from the Pacific Trust Fund will be utilized for the implementation of the envisaged activities.

X. Programme budget implications of the draft resolution on strengthening statistical capacity in Asia and the Pacific

Adopted as resolution 62/10

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

In the draft resolution, the Commission requests the Executive Secretary, within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available:

(a) To assist members and, as appropriate, associate members to develop their statistical systems, strengthening their capacity to collect, compile, process, analyse, disseminate and use official statistics;

(b) To provide assistance to members and, as appropriate, associate members in strengthening their capacity to monitor progress towards national development goals and the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

(c) To facilitate the development and implementation of international statistical standards in the region;

(d) To facilitate regional discussion and sharing of information and good practices related to official statistics;

(e) To facilitate the coordination of international capacity-building activities related to the development of official statistics in the region, including cooperation among national statistical offices of developing countries;

(f) To facilitate the dissemination and use of data, including by providing a user-friendly platform to access socio-economic and environmental indicators in an internationally comparable format;

(g) To coordinate with regional and international agencies in the collection of official statistical data from members and, as appropriate, associate members in order to avoid duplication of effort and to minimize the response burden on national statistical systems;

(h) To report on the implementation of the resolution to the Commission at its sixty-seventh session.

B. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007

The requests contained in the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 2, Statistics, and are in line with the overall direction of the programme of work and priorities for the biennium 2006-2007.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

(1) Background of the requests

The background of the requests is set out in the preambular paragraphs of the draft resolution.

(2) Activities by which the requests would be implemented

Requests (a) – (c)

Regional and subregional workshops, seminars, training courses, expert group meetings and other regional forums and advisory missions to countries at the request of Governments will be organized. Related information-sharing will be facilitated by using a range of modern information technology channels, including websites and other electronic information-sharing methods. While priority is given to improving national capacity to monitor internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, the development and implementation of international statistical standards covers critical recommendations and essential statistical classifications and methodologies that are needed for statistics underlying development indicators.

Request (d)

The secretariat will undertake activities in line with the above-mentioned modalities and facilitate the organization of study tours and expert exchanges among statistical offices in the region.

Request (e)

The coordination required for capacity-building activities will be achieved through regular interaction with the staff of all national statistical offices and international agencies that are actively developing statistical capacity in the region. The ESCAP website and e-mail broadcasts to key stakeholders will be used to inform partners and the public at large about the statistical activities of ESCAP.

Request (f)

The secretariat will continue to conduct activities related to the collection and the publication of key national indicators in an internationally comparable format, including on the ESCAP website, and to other uses of national and international statistical indicators, such as for producer-user dialogues and training courses on the use of indicators for evidence-based policy-making.

Request (g)

The secretariat will share data and develop common data-collection questionnaires with other international agencies collecting official statistics from member and associate member Governments.

Request (h)

The secretariat will report to the Commission at its sixty-seventh session on the implementation of the resolution and will present the Commission with recommendations for further action needed for building national capacity to monitor development.

(3) Relation to the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

The requests are related directly to the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007 by the secretariat and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), which are both responsible for subprogramme 2 activities.

(4) Implications for the programme of work for 2008-2009

In 2008-2009, the secretariat is expected to continue its activities to assist countries in strengthening their statistical capacity and in developing statistical systems along the lines described above and according to priority areas determined by the member countries.

D. Modification required of the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

The implementation of the requests would not require any modification of the programme of work for 2006-2007.

E. Additional regular or extrabudgetary requirements at full cost for 2006-2007 in relation to item D above

The activities can be implemented within the existing regular budget. Extrabudgetary resources are required for implementing the technical cooperation activities of the Statistics subprogramme. However, the requests in the resolution do not call for activities that would require substantial changes over the current level, estimated at $4.7 million per biennium.

F. Potential for absorption

Please see section G.

G. Summary

a. With regard to reference to "within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available" in operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, it will be recalled that the General Assembly by its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters:

   i. Reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

   ii. Reaffirms also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

   iii. Expresses its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

   iv. Invites the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

b. By its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, the General Assembly endorsed an observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding reference to "existing resources", whereby the Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform intergovernmental organs concerned thoroughly and accurately whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity;

c. This resolution will have no additional cost implications for the regular budget of the United Nations and extrabudgetary resources will be sought to implement some of the requests contained in the resolution. As some activities required to implement the requests are open-ended, the same level of regular budget and extrabudgetary resources would be required for the biennium 2008-2009.

XI. Programme budget implications of the draft resolution on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Adopted as resolution 62/11

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

In paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the Commission requests the Executive Secretary, within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available, and in close coordination with United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and related organizations in Asia and the Pacific:

(a) To ensure that the activities of ESCAP, consistent with its programme of work, take into account the special needs of the least developed countries, as contained in the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;

(b) To analyse and disseminate information on economic and social development in the LDC members for submission to ESCAP thematic committees and intergovernmental committees to promote greater awareness of their special concerns;

(c) To explore with donors the possibility of establishing a fund to support the participation of LDCs in key ESCAP meetings;

(d) To assist the least developed countries, where appropriate, in the formulation of appropriate development strategies and policies in line with the Programme of Action;

(e) To provide regional inputs, as appropriate, into the final review of the implementation of the Programme of Action;

(f) To report to the Commission on the implementation of the present resolution at the sixty-fourth session through the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries.

B. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007

The requests contained in the draft resolution fall under the overall programme of work of ESCAP for the biennium 2006-2007, in which emphasis has been given to the special needs of the least developed and landlocked countries, which have been mainstreamed in all subprogrammes.

The requests contained in the draft resolution are in line with expected accomplishment (d) under executive direction and management, which is aimed at enabling "progress towards graduation of the least developed countries through mobilization of regional efforts to address the identified concerns of the least developed, landlocked and island developing countries in line with their global mandates".

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

(1) Background of the requests

The background of the requests is set out in the preambular paragraphs of the draft resolution.

(2) Activities (with time frame, where applicable) by which the requests would be implemented

Request (a)

The Working Group on Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries meets twice annually to ensure that the work of the secretariat reflects the priorities of these groups of countries (programmed regular budget activity).

Request (b)

The annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* covers socio-economic development in the least developed countries (programmed regular budget activity). Information on substantive issues affecting the least developed countries could be prepared with the participation of national experts prior to the conduct of thematic committees (new extrabudgetary activity). The Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries considers the issues relating to these countries.

Request (c)

The secretariat will explore with donors the possibility of establishing a trust fund to support the participation of least developed countries in key ESCAP meetings.

Request (d)

The secretariat will continue to provide advisory services and formulate relevant technical cooperation projects which accord priority to activities for the least developed countries.

Request (e)

The secretariat will conduct a regional final review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010.

Request (f)

The secretariat will report to the Commission on the implementation of the resolution at the sixty-fourth session through the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries.

(3) Relation to the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

The requests fall within the framework of the approved programme of work for 2006-2007.

(4) Implications for the programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009

The programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009 would be developed against the background of the resolution.

D. Modification required of the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

(1) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies

The requests require the addition of expert meetings held back-to-back with the thematic committees.

E. Additional regular or extrabudgetary requirements at full cost for 2006-2007 in relation to item D above

Approximately US$ 500,000 for the five-year period from 2006 to 2010 would be required to fully fund the participation of least developed countries in the relevant legislative meetings and expert group meetings. The secretariat will invite member countries and other donors to voluntarily contribute to the trust fund to be established by ESCAP.

F. Potential for absorption

Participation of least developed countries will be funded exclusively by voluntary contributions, and the level of support may be adjusted depending on the level of contributions received by ESCAP for this purpose.

G. Summary

a. With regard to reference to "within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available" in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, it will be recalled that the General Assembly by its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters:

   i. Reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

   ii. Reaffirms also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

   iii. Expresses its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

   iv. Invites the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

b. By its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, the General Assembly endorsed an observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding reference to "existing resources", whereby the Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform intergovernmental organs concerned thoroughly and accurately whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity;

c. The resolution will have no programme budget implications for the regular budget for the biennium 2006-2007. However, the implementation of the activities envisaged in the draft resolution will depend on the availability of additional extrabudgetary funding. Extrabudgetary resources amounting to approximately $500,000 for the five-year period from 2006 to 2010 will be sought for the implementation of the envisaged activities.

XII. Programme budget implications of the draft resolution on strengthening Pacific island developing countries and territories through regional cooperation

Adopted as resolution 62/12

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

In the draft resolution, the Commission requests the Executive Secretary, within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available:

(a) To take into account, consistent with the mandate of UN-EPOC and the ESCAP programme of work, the development approach of regionalism and the priorities set out in the Pacific Plan for Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Integration in technical cooperation activities for Pacific island developing countries;

(b) To (i) undertake research and analysis and provide advice and technical assistance aimed at building the capacity of Pacific island developing countries to benefit from their relations with the countries of Asia in, among others, the areas of trade and investment; and (ii) investigate, in conjunction with relevant Pacific tourism bodies, options for a forum to share Asian and Pacific experiences in tourism development, to be held in 2007;

(c) To promote the South-South cooperation mechanism in order to assist Pacific island developing countries in implementing the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Pacific Plan with a view to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

B. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007

The requests contained in the draft resolution fall under subprogrammes 3, 4 and 5 for the biennium 2006-2007. The requests are in line with the overall objective of the subprogrammes.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

(1) Background of the requests

The background of the requests is set out in the preambular paragraphs of the draft resolution.

(2) Activities (with time frame, where applicable) by which the requests would be implemented

Request (a)

The secretariat will continue to design projects and programmes, within the existing mandate of ESCAP, that promote achievement of Millennium Development Goals which are reflected in the Pacific Plan.

Request (b)

Under request (b)(i), the secretariat will continue to undertake research in best practices in trade and investment as well in tourism development. The secretariat will continue its capacity-building activities in both trade and investment and tourism development and will investigate, in conjunction with relevant Pacific tourism bodies, options for a forum to share Asian and Pacific experiences in tourism development.

Request (c)

The secretariat will use its existing South-South cooperation mechanisms, including the ESCAP Pacific Trust Fund, in order to build the capacity of Pacific small Island developing countries.

D. Modification required of the approved programme of work for 2006-2007

The draft resolution does not require any modification of the programme of work.

E. Additional regular or extrabudgetary requirements at full cost for 2006-2007

Approximately US$ 200,000 in extrabudgetary contributions for the three-year period from 2007 to 2009 would be required to implement fully the technical assistance activities proposed in the above requests. Project proposals with respect to the research activities, the outcomes of which are to be reported to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session, and relevant technical cooperation projects will be formulated for consideration by donors and other agencies, inviting voluntary contributions to support the work of the secretariat.

F. Potential for absorption

Please see section G.

G. Summary

a. With regard to reference to "within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available" in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, it will be recalled that the General Assembly by its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters:

   i. Reaffirms that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

   ii. Reaffirms also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

   iii. Expresses its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

   iv. Invites the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.

b. By its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, the General Assembly endorsed an observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding reference to "existing resources", whereby the Committee emphasized the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform intergovernmental organs concerned thoroughly and accurately whether there are enough resources to implement a new activity;

c. This resolution will have no programme budget implications for the regular budget 2006-2007. However, the implementation of the activities envisaged in the draft resolution will depend on the availability of additional extrabudgetary funding. The extrabudgetary resources amounting to approximately $200,000 for the three-year period will be sought for the implementation of the envisaged activities.

Annex II

MEETINGS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Subsidiary body and officers		*Session*	*Document symbol of report* [a]
Committee on Managing Globalization		Second session Bangkok 12 to 14 October 2005	E/ESCAP/1366
Chairperson:	Mr. Lattanamany Khounnyvong (Lao People's Democratic Republic)		
Vice-Chairpersons:	Ms. Maria Bernardita Angara-Mathay (Philippines) Mr. Ki-Jun You (Republic of Korea) Ms. Svetlana A. Eleeva (Tajikistan)		
Rapporteur:	Mr. Sushant Kumar Mishra (India)		
Committee on Emerging Social Issues		Second session Bangkok 1 to 3 November 2005	E/ESCAP/1372
Chairperson:	Ms. Margaret Ho Poh Yeok (Malaysia)		
Vice-Chairpersons:	Ms. Sunita Singh (India) Ms. Luagalau Foisagaasina Eteuati (Samoa)		
Rapporteur:	Mr. Champak Pokharel (Nepal)		
Committee on Poverty Reduction		Second session Bangkok 23 to 25 November 2005	E/ESCAP/1364
Chairperson:	Mr. Zamzamin Ampatuan (Philippines)		
Vice-Chairpersons:	Mr. V. Subramanian (India) Mr. Alexander Surinov (Russian Federation)		
Rapporteur:	Mr. Sunaryo Urip (Indonesia)		
Intergovernmental Meeting to Develop the Intergovernmetnal Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network		Bangkok 28 to 30 November 2005	E/ESCAP/1370
Chairperson:	Mr. Arumugam Valautham (Malaysia)		
Vice-Chairperson:	Mr. Mohammad Jamshed (India)		
Rapporteur:	Mr. Davaakhuu Naranpurev (Mongolia)		

[a] Copies of reports that are not available through normal distribution channels at United Nations Headquarters or at Geneva may be obtained from the Regional Commissions New York Office at United Nations Headquarters.

Subsidiary body and officers		*Session*	*Document symbol of report* [a]
High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on Sustainable Tourism Development		Bali, Indonesia 7 to 9 December 2005	E/ESCAP/1369
Chairperson:	H.E. Mr. Sapta Nirwandar (Indonesia)		
Vice-Chairpersons:	H.E. Mr. Mahmood Shaugee (Maldives) Ms. Junaida Lee Abdullah (Malaysia)		
Rapporteur:	Mr. Napolioni Masirewa (Fiji)		
Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries		Ninth session Jakarta 4-5 April 2006	E/ESCAP/1373
Chairperson:	Mr. Rence Sore (Solomon Islands)		
Vice-Chairperson:	Mr. Perry Head (Australia) Mr. Atanteora Beiatau (Kiribati)		
Rapporteur:	Ms. Noumea Simi (Samoa)		

Annex III

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

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1	Provisional agenda	E/ESCAP/L.162/Rev.1
1	Annotated provisional agenda	E/ESCAP/L.163/Rev.1 and Corr.1
2 (a)	Report on the current economic situation in the region and related policy issues	E/ESCAP/1360
2 (b)	Strengthening Pacific island developing countries and territories through regional cooperation	E/ESCAP/1361
2 (c)	Enhancing regional cooperation in infrastructure development, including that related to disaster management	E/ESCAP/1362
3	Implementation of the Jakarta Declaration on Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific: the Way Forward 2015	E/ESCAP/1363
4 (a)	Report of the Committee on Poverty Reduction on its second session	E/ESCAP/1364
4 (a)	Summary of progress in the implementation of resolutions relating to the theme of poverty reduction	E/ESCAP/1364/Add.1
4 (a)	Confronting poverty in Asia and the Pacific	E/ESCAP/1365 and Corr.1
4 (b)	Report of the Committee on Managing Globalization on its second session	E/ESCAP/1366
4 (b)	Summary of progress in the implementation of resolutions relating to the theme of managing globalization	E/ESCAP/1367 and Corr.1
4 (b)	Latest developments relating to managing globalization	E/ESCAP/1368
4 (b)	Report of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on Sustainable Tourism Development	E/ESCAP/1369
4 (b)	Report of the Intergovernmental Meeting to Develop the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network	E/ESCAP/1370
4 (b)	The trade and development challenge: regional perspectives on key developments	E/ESCAP/1371
4 (c)	Progress in addressing persistent and emerging social issues	E/ESCAP/1372
5	Report of the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries on its ninth session	E/ESCAP/1373
6 (a)	Programme performance report for 2004-2005	E/ESCAP/1374 and Corr.1
6 (b)	Proposed programme changes for the biennium 2006-2007	E/ESCAP/1375

Agenda item	*Title*	*Symbol*
6 (c)	Programme overview of the draft strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009	E/ESCAP/1376 and Corr.1
6 (d)	ESCAP guidelines for programme monitoring, review and evaluation	E/ESCAP/1377
6 (e)	Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology	E/ESCAP/1378 and Corr.1
6 (e)	Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery	E/ESCAP/1379
6 (e)	Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific	E/ESCAP/1380
6 (e)	Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific	E/ESCAP/1381
6 (f)	Implications of the 2005 World Summit Outcome for the work of ESCAP	E/ESCAP/1382
7	Overview of technical cooperation activities and extrabudgetary contributions	E/ESCAP/1383 and Corr.1
8	Report of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission	E/ESCAP/1384 and Add.1
9	Report of the Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia	E/ESCAP/1385
9	Report of the Mekong River Commission	E/ESCAP/1386
9	Report of the Typhoon Committee	E/ESCAP/1387
9	Report of the Panel on Tropical Cyclones	E/ESCAP/1388
10	Date, venue and theme topic for the sixty-third session of the Commission	E/ESCAP/1389

Annex IV

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS, MEETINGS AND ADVISORY SERVICES IN 2005

A. List of publications *

Poverty and development

Asia-Pacific Development Journal, vol. 12, No. 1, June 2005 (ST/ESCAP/2372) (E.05.II.F.20)

Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2005: Dealing with Shocks (ST/ESCAP/2349) (E.05.II.F.10)

Implementing the Monterrey Consensus in the Asian and Pacific Region: Achieving Coherence and Consistency (ST/ESCAP/2351) (E.05.II.F.8)

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Transport and tourism

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Environment and sustainable development

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Building e-Community Centres for Rural Development: Report of the Regional Workshop, Bali, Indonesia, 8-14 December 2004 (ST/ESCAP/2369) (E.05.II.F.19)

Collection of Cases of Financing ICT for Development in Asia and the Pacific (ST/ESCAP/2367) (E.05.II.F.18)

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Regulations, Policies and Legal Frameworks Related to ICT: International Management Standards for ICT Development in the Greater Mekong Subregion (ST/ESCAP/2353) (E.05.II.F.12)

Strengthening Institutional Capacity to Promote Investment and Transfer of Technology with Special Emphasis on Information and Communication Technology (ST/ESCAP/2340) (E.05.II.F.2)

Social development, including emerging social issues

Asia-Pacific Population Journal, vol. 20, No. 1 (ST/ESCAP/2365); No. 2 (ST/ESCAP/2381); No. 3 (ST/ESCAP/2397)

Asia and the Pacific Beijing+10: Selected Issues; Presentations from the 2004 High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its Regional and Global Outcomes

Asian Population Studies Series, No. 163, *Emerging Issues of Health and Mortality in the Asian and Pacific Region* (ST/ESCAP/2364) (E.05.II.F.14)

Community-Level Good Practices in HIV Prevention, Care and Support for Policy Consideration: Two Case Studies (ST/ESCAP/2355)

Gender and Development Discussion Paper Series, No. 16, *Women in International Trade and Migration: Examining the Globalized Provision of Care Services*; No. 17, *Violence against and Trafficking in Women as Symptoms of Discrimination: the Potential of CEDAW as an Antidote*; No. 18, *Gender and HIV/AIDS in the Asian and Pacific Region*

Information Kit: Mobilizing Responses to Fight HIV/AIDS in the Asian and Pacific Region (ST/ESCAP/2356)

Population Headliners, Nos. 304-309

Report on the Post-Yokohama Mid-term Review of the East Asia and the Pacific Regional Commitment and Action Plan against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, 8-10 November 2004, Bangkok (ST/ESCAP/2368)

Young People and Substance Use: Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation (ST/ESCAP/2358) (E.04.II.F.25)

B. List of meetings

Poverty and development

Second Advisory Panel Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals, Bangkok, March

Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific: first sessions of the Technical Committee and Governing Council, Bogor, Indonesia, April

Dialogue on Urban Poverty in Cambodia, Phnom Penh, April

Expert Group Meeting on Rural Development and Rural Poverty Reduction, Bangkok, May

National Dialogue on Housing the Poor in Urban Economies, Ulaanbaatar, June

International Symposium on Pro-poor Certification Systems for Green and Organic Produce, Nanchang, China, June

Expert Group Meeting on Capacity-building for Housing the Urban Poor, Udon Thani, Thailand, June

Expert Group Meeting on Poverty Reduction, Bangkok, July

Round Table on Poverty and Microfinance, Bangkok, July

National Workshops on Capacity-building for External Debt Management in the Era of Rapid Globalization: Apia and Colombo, August

Fourth Asia-Pacific Urban Forum: Making the Millennium Development Goals Work for Cities, Hanoi, October

Expert Group Meeting on Decentralization and its Impact on Poverty Reduction, Bangkok, November

Expert Group Meeting on Secure Land Tenure: "New Legal Frameworks and Tools in Asia and the Pacific", Bangkok, December

Meeting of Eminent Persons on Current and Prospective Economic and Social Performance in the ESCAP Region, Bangkok, December

Expert Group Meeting on Development Issues and Policies: Infrastructure Development, Bangkok, December

National Workshops on the Replication of Best Practices on Rural Community Development (Saemaul Undong) in Cambodia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, December

Statistics

Third SIAP/ESCAP Management Seminar for the Heads of National Statistical Offices in Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, January-February

Forum for Asia/Pacific Statisticians (APEX 1), Bangkok, February

Task Force on International Merchandise Trade Statistics, Bangkok, March

IMF/ESCAP Special Data Dissemination Standard Outreach Seminar for the Asian and Pacific Region, Bangkok, March-April

United Nations Statistics Division/ESCAP Workshop on the 1993 System of National Accounts Update, Bangkok, April

Third Workshop for Improving Disability Statistics and Measurement (for Pilot Countries), Bangkok, May

Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts, third meeting, Bangkok, July

Workshop to Implement the United Nations Handbook on Non-profit Institutions in the System of National Accounts in Asia, Bangkok, September

Expert Group Meeting on Affordable Technologies for Disseminating Official Statistics, Bangkok, October

Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)/ESCAP Workshop for South Asia on National Strategies for the Development of Statistics, Colombo, December

Trade and investment

WTO/ESCAP National Seminar on Trade in Health Services, Bangkok, January

Standing Committee of the Bangkok Agreement: twenty-third session, Bangkok, January; twenty-fourth session, Beijing, November

WTO/ESCAP Regional Training Workshop on Multilateral Negotiations on Agriculture, Kuala Lumpur, January

ESCAP/Indian Institute of Foreign Trade Training Programme on "Globalization: WTO and Developing Countries", New Delhi, February

ARTNeT Capacity-building Workshop on Trade Research, Bangkok, March

Capacity-building Workshop on Trade Facilitation Implementation, Kuala Lumpur, March

Eighth WTO/ESCAP Trade Policy Course on WTO Agreements and the Doha Development Agenda, Bangkok, March

WTO/ESCAP Regional Seminar on Non-agricultural Market Access Negotiations for Asian and Pacific Countries, Yangon, April

WTO/ESCAP Regional Workshop on Trade Facilitation, Hangzhou, China, April

ARTNeT Trade Facilitation Research Team Meeting, Bangkok, May

Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2005: Changes, Challenges and Opportunities for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, May

ESCAP/International Development Research Centre Consultative Meeting on Foreign Direct Investment and Policy Challenges: Areas for New Research, Bangkok, May 2005

Second Meeting of the ESCAP Business Advisory Council, Bangkok, May

UNCTAD/ESCAP Round Table on WTO Negotiations on GATT Articles V, VIII and X, Bangkok, May

East-West Economic Corridor Conference: Trade and Investment Opportunities, Bangkok, June

Regional Seminar on Enhancing Competitiveness through Regional Cooperation in a Post-Multifibre Arrangement Environment, Beijing, June

WTO/ESCAP Regional Seminar on Trade in Services, Shanghai, China, June

Conference on Investment for Asian Development: Lessons So Far, Challenges for the Future, Jakarta, July

ARTNeT Research Team Meeting on Regional Agricultural Trade Liberalization, Colombo, August

UNDP/ESCAP Regional Consultation on Issues in Trade Facilitation and Human Development, Bangkok, August

International Conference on Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Managing Globalization, Moscow, September

Trade Policy Basics Course for Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, September

Delivering on the WTO Round: A High-level Government-Business Dialogue for Development, Macao, China, October

Second ARTNeT Consultative Meeting of Research Institutions and Policymakers, Macao, China, October

Expert Group Meeting on the Participation of SMEs in Global and Regional Supply Chains, Bangkok, November

Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery, New Delhi, November

Ministerial Council of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement, Beijing, November

Subregional Workshop on the Integration of SMEs of the Greater Mekong Subregion into Global and Regional Supply Chains, Bangkok, November

Technical Committee of the United Nations Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery, first session, New Delhi, November

Third Meeting of the ESCAP Business Advisory Council, Bangkok, November

National Workshop and Advisory Services on Trade and Transport Facilitation, Pakse, Lao People's Democratic Republic, December

Transport and tourism

Subregional Expert Group Meetings on Identifying Investment Needs and Priorities for the Development of the Asian Highway Network and Related Intermodal Connections: Tehran, January; Bangkok, April

Seminar on Building Human Resources Capacity for Tourism and Hospitality in the Asia-Pacific Region, Melbourne, Australia, February

Executive Committee of the Network of Asia-Pacific Education and Training Institutes in Tourism (APETIT), eleventh meeting, Melbourne, Australia, February

Second Negotiating Meeting on the Refined Draft Intergovernmental Agreement on Facilitation of International Road Transport of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Beijing, March; Third Negotiating Meeting, on the Final Text, Shanghai, China, June

Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing, tenth session, Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan, March

Working Group on the Greater Mekong Subregion Tourism Sector, sixteenth meeting, Siem Reap, Cambodia, March

National Workshops on an Integrated International Transport and Logistics System for North-East Asia: Ulaanbaatar, April; Moscow/Vladivostok, July; Beijing, August

Asia-Pacific Network for Transport and Logistics Education and Reseach/ESCAP/Asian Institute of Transport Development Expert Group Meeting on Transport and the Millennium Development Goals, New Delhi, April

Expert Group Meeting on the Trans-Asian Railway in South Asia, New Delhi, April

Expert Group Meeting/Workshop on Assessment of Public-private Partnership Readiness in Bangladesh, Dhaka, May

Training Course on Institutional Capacity-building for Local Government Units: Legal and Financial Perspectives of Public-private Partnership Projects, Manila, May

Expert Group Meeting on the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia-Economic Commission for Europe-ESCAP Project Component of the United Nations Development Account Capacity-building Project on Interregional Transport Linkages (2003-2006), Amman, May-June

Training on Public-private Partnerships for Central and Local Governments, Bangkok, May-June

Subregional Seminar on Sustainable Capacity-building and Training of Trainers in Freight Forwarding, Multimodal Transport and Logistics, Bangkok, May-June

Seminar on Maritime Container Traffic Forecast, Busan, Republic of Korea, June

Seminar on an Integrated International Transport and Logistics System for North-East Asia, Busan, Republic of Korea, June

National Seminar on Sustainable Tourism Development, Dhaka, June

Third Expert Group Meeting on Developing Euro-Asian Transport Linkages, Istanbul, Turkey, June

ESCAP/Economic Commission for Europe Subregional Seminar on Facilitation of International Road Transit Transport under the TIR System, Beijing, September

Expert Group Meeting on the Development of the North-South Corridor linking Northern Europe to the Persian Gulf, Moscow, September

Expert Group Meeting on the Development of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, Moscow, September

Third Steering Committee Meeting on Planning and Implementation of Demonstration Runs of Container Block-trains along the Trans-Asian Railway Northern Corridor, Moscow, September

Regional Meeting on Trade and Transport Facilitation for Landlocked and Transit Countries, Bangkok, October

ESCAP/APETIT Conference on Tourism Education and Training in the Asia-Pacific Region; twelfth meeting of the Executive Committee of APETIT; fourth meeting of the General Council of APETIT; and Seminar on Tourism Education and Training, Hanoi, October

ESCAP/International Association of Pacific Transport/ German Agency for Technical Cooperation Workshop on "Getting around Cities: Sustainable Transport, Air Quality and Integration", Bangkok, October

National Seminar and Training of Trainers on Multimodal Transport for Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV Countries), Hanoi, October

Inter-agency/Expert Group Meeting on Tourism and Poverty Reduction, Bali, Indonesia, December

National Workshop and Advisory Services on Trade and Transport Facilitation for the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Pakse, December

Working Group on the Asian Highway, Bangkok, December

Environment and sustainable development

National Training Workshops on the Integration of Energy and Rural Development Policies and Programmes: Kathmandu, January; Hanoi, March; Phnom Penh, June

National Training Workshop on Capacity-building on Integration of Energy and Rural Development Policies, Dhaka, January

National Workshop on Wastewater and Solid Waste Management under the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment, Cebu, Philippines, February

WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones, thirty-second session, New Delhi, February

Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials for the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2005, Seoul, March

End-to-end Multi-hazard Early Warning System for South-East Asia: Assessment of Needs, Bangkok, March

National Workshop for the Preparation of a Country Strategy on the Integration of Energy and Rural Development Policies and Programmes, Kandy, Sri Lanka, April

Intergovernmental Meeting on Energy Cooperation in North-East Asia: Task Force on Energy, second session, Ulaanbaatar, April

UNCTAD/ESCAP Workshop on Exchanging National Experience among the Principal Exporting Developing Countries: Environmental Requirements and Market Access for Electrical and Electronic Goods, Bangkok, May

Partnerships for Disaster Reduction - Southeast Asia (PDRSEA 3) National Consultation Workshops: Lao People's Democratic Republic, May; Viet Nam, May; Cambodia, June; Timor-Leste, June; Indonesia, October

Regional Workshop on Emergency Information Flows in Disaster Situations: the Role of Broadcasters, Bangkok, June

Regional Workshop on Emergency Information Flows and Public Awareness, Preparedness and Response, Bangkok, June

Consultative Workshops on a National Strategy for the Integration of Energy and Rural Development Policies and Planning: Yangon, June; Dhaka, July; Kathmandu, November

Framework for a Nature Conservation Programme in North-East Asia, inception meeting, Chuncheon, Republic of Korea, July

PDRSEA 3 Training for National Disaster Management Organization Focal Points on National and Regional Database Programmes, Bangkok, July

PDRSEA 3 National Strategic Action Planning Workshops in Viet Nam, July; Cambodia, August; Timor-Leste, August; Lao People's Democratic Republic, August; Indonesia, October

Concluding Regional Workshop on the Integration of Energy and Rural Development Policies and Programmes, Bangkok, September

Eleventh Meeting of Senior Officials on Environmental Cooperation in North-East Asia, Seoul, October

Round-table Workshops on the Application of Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean Methodology on Assessment of the Socio-economic Impacts of Floods: Lao People's Democratic Republic and Pakistan, July; Sri Lanka, August; Philippines, September; China, October

ESCAP/Asian Disaster Reduction Center Forum on Disaster Reduction, Bangkok, October

Concluding Regional Workshop on Methodologies to Assess the Socio-economic Impacts of Natural Disasters, Bangkok, October

National Workshop to Review the Draft Water Supply Law, Vientiane, October

Regional Consultation Meeting in Preparation for the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Pacific Renewable Energy Training Initiative and the Regional Energy Programme for Poverty Reduction, Suva, November

Senior Officials' Committee on Energy Cooperation in North-East Asia, first session, Ulaanbaatar, November

Leadership Training Programme for Economic Development in Asia and the Pacific, Chuncheon, Republic of Korea, October-November

Regional Policy Dialogue: Towards Green Growth in Asia and the Pacific: Eco-efficiency through Green Tax and Budget Reform, Seoul, November

Meeting of the Seoul Initiative Network on Green Growth, Seoul, November

Typhoon Committee, thirty-eighth session, Hanoi, November

Study Tour-cum-Training Course on Water Resources Management in Thailand (for officials from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea), Bangkok, November

PDRSEA 3 Regional Workshop on Standardizing the Community-based Disaster Risk Management Curriculum, Bangkok, November

Expert Group Meeting on a North-East Asian Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation Project on a Framework for a Nature Conservation Programme in North-East Asia, Nanjing, China, December

Information, communication and space technology

South-East and East Asia Conference on Follow-up to the First Phase and Preparation for the Second Phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, Bali, Indonesia, February

South and South-West Asia Conference on Follow-up to the First Phase and Preparations for the Second Phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, Kathmandu, March

Working Group Meeting on the Project on Development of E-Business Development Services for SMEs in Selected ASEAN Countries and Southern China, Bangkok, March

Regional Inter-agency Working Group on Information and Communication Technologies: eighth meeting, Bangkok, April; ninth meeting, Bangkok, December

National Stakeholder Consultations for the Project on Development of E-Business Development Services for SMEs in Selected ASEAN Countries and Southern China: Kunming, China and Yangon, April; Phnom Penh, Hanoi, May; Vientiane and Bangkok, June

High-level Asia-Pacific Conference for the World Summit on the Information Society, Tehran, May-June

High-level Expert Group Meeting on Technical Options for Disaster Management Systems: Tsunamis and Others, Bangkok, June

ESCAP/Asian Development Bank Institute International Conference on E-Procurement, Seoul, June

International Conference on Promotion of Distance Learning and Service Networks for Development in China and Other Countries, Beijing, June

Final Meeting of Experts on Space Applications for Disaster Management, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July

Regional Working Group on Satellite Communication Applications, tenth meeting, Bangkok, August

Subregional Workshop on E-Business Development Services for Enterprise Support Agencies, Hanoi, August

Regional Working Group on Meteorological Satellite Applications and Natural Hazards Monitoring, tenth meeting, Isfahan, Islamic Republic of Iran, September

Regional Working Group on Remote Sensing, Geographic Information Systems and Satellite-based Positioning, eleventh meeting, Isfahan, Islamic Republic of Iran, September

Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development, eleventh session, Isfahan, Islamic Republic of Iran, September

Regional Meeting on Trade and Transport Facilitation for Landlocked and Transit Countries, Bangkok, October

High-level Round Table on Building Regional Partnerships for the Information Society: Regional Perspectives and Global Dimensions, Tunis, November

ESCAP/ITU Internet Protocol Symposium for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, November

Training Workshop on E-Business Development Services for Enterprise Support Agencies in the Greater Mekong Subregion, Pathumthani, Thailand, November

Regional Meeting on Effective Design and Delivery of Rural Community ICT Services, Kuala Lumpur, November

Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia Project Working Group on ICT for Development, Baku, December

National Workshop and Advisory Services on Trade and Transport Facilitation, Pakse, Lao People's Democratic Republic, December

Social development, including emerging social issues

Thematic Working Group on Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality, Bangkok, February

Seminar on E-Business and Opportunities for Women in Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, March

Expert Group Meeting on Harmonizing Ageing Indicators for the Review and Appraisal of the Shanghai Implementation Strategy, Bangkok, March

Workshop on Building Capacity for Community-based Treatment and Continuing Care of Young Drug Abusers in the Greater Mekong Subregion, Kunming, China, April

National Training Workshop on Applying Indicators to Improve Preparations for an Ageing Society, Beijing, June

Workshop on Community-based Rehabilitation and Poverty Alleviation of Persons with Disabilities, Bangkok, July

Thematic Working Group on Disability-related Concerns, tenth session, Bangkok, July

Workshop on Regional Follow-up to the Fifth Session and Preparation for the Sixth Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on an International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, Bangkok, July

ESCAP/Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability Seminar for South-to-South Cooperation for Decades of People with Disabilities: an Orientation to the Center, Bangkok, July

Regional Workshop on Mainstreaming Girls' Education into National Development Processes, Bangkok, August

National Training Workshop on Tracking Progress to Improve Health Care for Older Persons, Jakarta, August

Regional Seminar on the Social Implications of International Migration, Bangkok, August

ESCAP/China Disabled Persons' Federation Workshop/ Field Visit on Capacity-building for Grass-roots Self-help Groups of Persons with Disabilities in Local Communities, Chengdu, China, August

Ministry of Health and Welfare and National Health Insurance Corporation of the Republic of Korea/ESCAP/WHO Training Course on Social Health Insurance, Seoul, August-September

National Workshops on the Impact of the Tsunami on Vulnerable Groups and Women: Jakarta, September; Colombo, October; Bangkok, November

Training Workshop on Population, Poverty and Gender, Bangkok, September

Expert Group Meeting on the Promotion and Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, with Particular Emphasis on Trafficking of Women and Violence against Women, Bangkok, October

ESCAP/Leonard Cheshire International Conference on Disability: A Global Perspective on Rights to Education and Livelihood, Bangkok, October

Regional Workshop on Comprehensive National Plans of Action on Disability - Towards the Mid-point Review of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, October

Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on the Implementation of the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference Plan of Action on Population and Poverty, Bangkok, November

ESCAP/Division for the Advancement of Women of the United Nations Secretariat Expert Group Meeting on Enhancing Women's Participation in Development through an Enabling Environment for Achieving Gender Equality and the Advancement of Women, Bangkok, November

"Health without Borders" Workshop for Thailand, Bangkok, December

Regional Workshop on Enhancing Gender Mainstreaming within the Development Programmes of ESCAP Member Countries, Jakarta, December

Policy Workshop on HIV/AIDS and Family Well-being, Bangkok, December

UNFPA/ESCAP Joint Seminar on Population, Poverty and Development, Bangkok, December

C. List of advisory services

Poverty reduction

Poverty and development

Australia: (a) to present the details of the pro-poor public-private partnership (5P) project, provide an analysis of selected parameters and advocate for policy changes to make the project possible in the region; and (b) to attend the International Conference on Engaging Communities

Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to identify and assess priority needs with a view to developing a multi-year technical cooperation project to better prepare the country to reap the benefits of globalization and achieve the Millennium Development Goals

Fiji: (a) to assist the Government in finalizing its new national development plan for 2005-2007; (b) to liaise with UNDP Fiji; and (c) to assist the concurrent mission to Suva concerning the relocation of UN-EPOC

India: (a) to provide advisory services to the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and selected state governments in state-level institutions on strengthening grass-roots democracy; (b) to provide advisory services on capacity-building for elected women members of local-level government for social mobilization and utilization of social capital for poverty reduction; (c) to assist in a project on poverty alleviation through empowering women in India; and (d) to meet with key civil society organizations in Chennai and Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu, and elicit their views on the various options for establishing a 5P project for the people of Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu, affected by the tsunami

Maldives, to assist the Government on the tsunami project

Mongolia: (a) to provide advisory services to the Economic Policy and Planning Department, Ministry of Finance, on analysis of a selected policy and advocacy for policy change to make the policies pro-poor; contribute to capacity-building for the staff of the Government of Mongolia and UNDP Mongolia on analysis of public policy, particularly pro-poor policy, and contribute to capacity-building of the staff in analysing socio-economic programmes, projects and poverty alleviation programmes from a pro-poor perspective; (b) to provide advisory services to the Ministry of Finance on carrying out an assessment of the impact of official development assistance (ODA) on the social sector, in accordance with the logframe, contribute to capacity-building for the staff of the Government of Mongolia, UNDP Mongolia and civil society organizations, to carry out an assessment of the impact of aid on the social sector; (c) to provide advice on the completion of the assessment of the impact of ODA on the social sector and provide assistance in incorporating policy recommendations into government policymaking; and (d) to advise the Government on integrating socio-economic guidelines with its budgetary process

Nauru, to participate in the Government's donor round-table meeting

New Caledonia, to participate in the workshop on developing functional national plans, act as a facilitator for the workshop and serve as a member of the Development Partners Panel, as requested by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Pakistan, to provide advisory services to the Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Statistics, on building institutions of the poor, and develop a pilot programme

Philippines: (a) to provide advisory services to the Department of Social Welfare and Development, review the poverty reduction programme of the Government for indigenous people's communities and devise a strategy for reducing the poverty of those communities, using indigenous knowledge and resources; and (b) to provide advisory services to the Department in developing a poverty reduction strategy focusing on those communities

Solomon Islands: (a) to assist in instituting a project appraisal process for the development of national planning and aid coordination; (b) to participate in the Government and Development Partners Consultative Meeting; and (c) to follow up with government officials on the draft report on the development planning project process and appraisal which had been prepared during an earlier mission

Sri Lanka, to assist the Government on the tsunami project

Tonga, to review the existing structure of the Information Unit, including its location in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food

Vanuatu: (a) to assist the Government, through the Department of Economic and Sector Planning, in reviewing and editing the Millennium Challenge Account Compact; (b) to provide technical assistance to the Government in preparing a road map for updating its key development policy document known as the Prioritized Action Agenda; and (c) to assist the Government in revising the Agenda, and draft guidelines for the review of sectors and development of sector policy objectives in conjunction with a similar ADB project

Statistics

Afghanistan: (a) to assist the Ministry of Women's Affairs in reviewing data on gender, poverty and the Millennium Development Goals, compiled by line ministries, for the Ministry's database; (b) to advise the staff of the Central Statistics Office on the preparation of a gender and poverty database; and (c) to review the ongoing activities under the master plan for technical cooperation in statistics

Bangladesh, to provide technical assistance to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics in the construction of the new business register and the adoption of the latest version of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

Cambodia: (a) to prepare for the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) country course on statistical analysis of the Cambodia Household Socio-economic Survey; and (b) to assist SIAP in conducting the course

China, to participate in the international workshop on the economic census organized jointly by the United Nations Statistics Division and the Central Bureau of Statistics

Democratic People's Republic of Korea: (a) to provide advice to the staff of the Central Bureau of Statistics on the international recommendations concerning social indicators and the Millennium Development Goals through the organization of a two-week training workshop; and (b) to organize and conduct a national training workshop for the Central Bureau of Statistics on the Millennium Development Goals and related social indicators

Fiji: (a) to provide advisory services on economic statistics to the Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics relating to the development of statistics on gross capital formation in agriculture and in the informal sector; and (b) to participate in the eighth meeting of the Expert Group on Informal Sector Statistics and present a paper on the subject

Iran (Islamic Republic of), to provide advisory services to the Statistical Center on poverty and Millennium Development Goal indicators and the preparation of national health development reports

Japan, to present the module on indicators for the Millennium Development Goals, as part of the SIAP six-month course on official statistics

Maldives: (a) to provide advisory services on economic statistics to the Ministry of Planning and National Development, review short-term indicators and their use for macroeconomic analysis and review country practices for enterprise surveys; and (b) to provide technical assistance to the Ministry specifically to finalize the report on the Small Establishment Survey, review establishment statistics collected on the corporate sector through annual accounts and the Large Establishment Survey and advise on a mechanism for the regular updating of establishment information

Mongolia, to assist the National Statistical Office in developing procedures to compile new indicators for the construction industry

Sri Lanka: (a) to provide advisory services on labour statistics to the Department of Census and Statistics; (b) to advise on implementation of the new labour force survey; (c) to develop internationally comparable labour indicators; (d) to revise the layout of the publications on the labour force survey; and (e) to review the current weighting procedures of the survey

Thailand, to participate in the International Comparison Programme for Asia and the Pacific

Managing globalization

Trade and investment

Bhutan: (a) to assist in prioritizing the recommendations made following the December 2004 analysis of trade and investment needs, discuss with the Planning Commission which ideas could be used in the preparations for the Tenth Five-year Plan, work with UNDP and other stakeholders on private sector development initiatives, and provide detailed input into the draft common country assessment; (b) to assist the Ministry of Trade and Industry in implementing priority recommendations, including designing a new Trade Development Office and preparing detailed action plans for various aspects of its activities, and completing a master staffing plan and individual workplans; seek feedback from other agencies and donors on the proposed activities of the new Office and secure their ongoing input and support; (c) to advise the Ministry on negotiations relating to regional trade and WTO accession, provide detailed briefings for the delegation of Bhutan to the WTO Conference of Trade Ministers of Least Developed Countries and the WTO Sixth Ministerial Conference and consult with and brief UNDP, UNCTAD, the International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO), the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation/South Asia Enterprise Development Facility and WTO on the new Trade Development Office as the project progressed

India, to participate in the WTO training seminar and serve as a discussant in all sessions, present sessions on the General Agreement on Trade in Services and emerging issues for developing countries and co-present a session on negotiating issues, as requested by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

Iran (Islamic Republic of), to participate in an ESCAP technical assistance project with the Economic Cooperation Organization and to help ECO develop logical framework approaches to strategy development and programme management

Timor-Leste, to provide advice to the Secretary of State for Commerce and Industry on trade and investment policy development and implementation, the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, and eventual accession to WTO

Mongolia: (a) to provide advisory services to the Ministry of Industry and Trade on commencing the preparation of WTO Services requests and the initial offer and to define positions on other negotiations issues and to ensure that the joint ESCAP/Ministry of Industry and Trade trade policy basics seminar would meet the twin objectives of enhancing awareness and common understanding of trade policy issues among ministries and the private sector and providing useful input into the negotiating process; and (b) to assist the

Secretary of State for Industry and Trade in finalizing WTO Services requests and the initial offer, consolidating their WTO negotiating positions and preparing for the WTO Sixth Ministerial Conference in mid-December 2005

Nepal: (a) to provide advisory services to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies in preparation of the national position for the WTO Conference of Trade Ministers of Least Developed Countries; (b) to review the programme of assistance agreed; and (c) to meet with the business community, donors and the World Bank to assess the economic and political situation and possible impacts on the delivery of the ESCAP assistance programme

Environment and sustainable development

Bhutan, to provide assistance for a training programme on International Organization for Standardization Environmental Management Systems for the Ministry of Trade and Industry and provide technical assistance to the Secretariat of the National Environment Commission

Cambodia: (a) to provide training on environmental impact assessment on tourism, forestry and quarrying for offices of the Ministry of Environment: and (b) to assist the Ministry in establishing a national environment impact assessment guidelines drafting group, including advice on its composition, working procedures and terms of reference, as well as a strategy and timetable for completing the drafting of the required guidelines

China, to lead an expert team to carry out a feasibility study on a proposed joint demonstration project for preventing and controlling dust and sandstorms originating in the Erlianhot source area, with a view to developing a project proposal for bilateral and multilateral funding

Democratic People's Republic of Korea: (a) to participate as a resource person in the national awareness workshop on land degradation and preparation of a national action programme to implement the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, and to give presentations on issues relating to land degradation and sustainable development and the Global Environment Facility Operation Programme on Sustainable Land Management; and (b) to provide technical advice on the formulation of a national action programme and other relevant environmental management issues

Iran (Islamic Republic of), to act as a resource person in the training workshop on participatory project design based on the logical framework approach, organized jointly by ESCAP and ECO

Maldives, to set up a project on victims of the tsunami

Mongolia, to lead an expert team to carry out a feasibility study on a proposed joint demonstration project for preventing and controlling dust and sandstorms originating in the Zamin Uud source area, with a view to developing a project proposal for bilateral and multilateral funding

Sri Lanka: (a) to provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Tourism, through the Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Cooperation, in identifying suitable approaches to the new challenges facing the tourism industry, with a view to developing the necessary project document for post-tsunami funding; and (b) to set up a project for victims of the tsunami

Thailand, to provide advisory services to the Land Development Department, joining an assessment team for investigation of soil degradation in tsunami-affected areas in Phuket, Phang Nga and Krabi

Viet Nam, to develop a Global Environment Facility PDF-A (Project Development Facility) project proposal on restoration of degraded land areas in the central coastal region for the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, for funding; (b) to participate in the meeting to launch the Science and Technology Advisory Group; and (c) to provide technical advice on the development and updating of the national action programme for the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, for the period 2006-2015

Information, communication and space technology

Lao People's Democratic Republic, to follow up on the previous mission to the Science Technology and Environment Agency, to set the scene for the drafting process of an e-commerce law, agree upon a division of labour, planning and time frame and decide upon dates and activities for the national ICT conference and donors meeting

Nepal, to provide advisory services to the Office of the High-level Commission on Information Technology, on ICT policies and strategies and telecentres

Emerging social issues

Social development, including emerging social issues

Fiji: (a) to represent ESCAP at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat/ILO/UN-EPOC/Disabled Peoples International/Pacific Disability Forum regional disability workshop, provide inputs in the international and regional context of disability and policy development, drawing on UN-EPOC initiatives in Pacific island countries over the last three years, and liaise with Governments and representatives of non-governmental organizations as well as regional and United Nations organizations; and (b) participate in the Pacific Consultation on Violence Against Children

Papua New Guinea: (a) to develop a logframe for technical assistance relating to disability, identify data and information requirements, hold a two-day workshop and develop a draft national policy on disability; (b) to implement the workplan and logframe outlined in the mission report of May 2005, complete the second draft of the Papua New Guinea national policy on disability and undertake provincial consultation workshops in Lae, Madang, the National Capital District and Wewak; and (c) to complete the final draft of the national policy on disability and a situation analysis of disability services and related issues

Solomon Islands: (a) to plan and design the technical assistance requested by the Government; (b) to provide advisory services to the Government on the development of a national disability policy; and (c) to follow up on the disability policy with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services

Tuvalu, to provide technical assistance to the Department of Community Affairs on social indicators that would interpret the social and economic status of Tuvalu

Vanuatu: (a) to conduct a situation analysis of persons with disabilities in Vanuatu as part of action towards the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities, during the Decade of Disabled Persons (2003-2012); (b) to develop an overview of disability services in Vanuatu; (c) to contribute to the national workshop: towards an inclusive, barrier-free and rights-based society for persons with disabilities; and (d) to develop an action plan for the implementation of the national policy of Vanuatu on disability and the Biwako Millennium Framework

Annex V

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

As adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its fourth session, amended by the Council at subsequent sessions, and revised in consequence of various General Assembly resolutions.

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered General Assembly resolution 46(I) of 11 December 1946, in which the General Assembly "recommends that, in order to give effective aid to the countries devastated by war, the Economic and Social Council, at its next session, give prompt and favourable consideration to the establishment of ... an Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East",

Having noted the report of the Working Group for Asia and the Far East of the Temporary Sub-Commission on Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas,

Establishes an Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific with terms of reference as follows:

1. The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, acting within the framework of the policies of the United Nations and subject to the general supervision of the Council, shall, provided that the Commission takes no action in respect of any country without the agreement of the Government of that country:

(a) Initiate and participate in measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic reconstruction and development of Asia and the Pacific, for raising the level of economic activity in Asia and the Pacific and for maintaining and strengthening the economic relations of these areas both among themselves and with other countries of the world;

(b) Make or sponsor such investigations and studies of economic and technological problems and developments within territories of Asia and the Pacific as the Commission deems appropriate;

(c) Undertake or sponsor the collection, evaluation and dissemination of such economic, technological and statistical information as the Commission deems appropriate;

(d) Perform such advisory services, within the available resources of its secretariat, as the countries of the region may desire, provided that such services do not overlap with those rendered by the specialized agencies or the relevant United Nations bodies;

(e) Assist the Economic and Social Council, at its request, in discharging its functions within the region in connection with any economic problems, including problems in the field of technical assistance;

(f) In carrying out the above functions, deal, as appropriate, with the social aspects of economic development and the interrelationship of the economic and social factors.

2. The territories of Asia and the Pacific referred to in paragraph 1 shall include Afghanistan; American Samoa; Armenia; Australia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; China; Cook Islands; Fiji; French Polynesia; Georgia; Guam; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Japan; Kazakhstan; Kiribati; Korea; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Macao, China; Malaysia; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Micronesia (Federated States of); Mongolia; Myanmar; Nauru; Nepal; New Caledonia; New Zealand; Niue; Northern Mariana Islands; Pakistan; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Russian Federation; Samoa; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Tajikistan; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Tonga; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Tuvalu; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; and Viet Nam.

3. The members of the Commission shall consist of Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, France, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Viet Nam, provided that any State in the area which may hereafter become a Member of the United Nations shall be thereupon admitted as a member of the Commission.

4. The associate members shall include American Samoa; Cook Islands; French Polynesia; Guam; Hong Kong, China; Macao, China; New Caledonia; Niue; and Northern Mariana Islands.

5. Any territory, part or group of territories within the geographical scope of the Commission as defined in paragraph 2 may, on presentation of its application to the Commission by the member responsible for the international relations of such territory, part or group of territories, be admitted by the Commission as an associate member of the Commission. If it has become responsible for its own international relations, such territory, part or group of territories may be admitted as an associate member of the Commission on itself presenting its application to the Commission.

6. Representatives of associate members shall be entitled to participate without vote in all meetings of the Commission, whether sitting as Commission or as Committee of the Whole.

7. Representatives of associate members shall be eligible to be appointed as members of any committee, or other subordinate body, which may be set up by the Commission and shall be eligible to vote and hold office in such body.

8. The Commission is empowered to make recommendations on any matters within its competence directly to the Governments of members or associate members concerned, Governments admitted in consultative capacity, and the specialized agencies concerned. The Commission shall submit for the Council's prior consideration any of its proposals of activities that would have important effects on the economy of the world as a whole.

9. The Commission shall invite any Member of the United Nations not a member of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in its consideration of any matter of particular concern to that non-member.

10. The Commission shall invite representatives of specialized agencies and may invite representatives of any intergovernmental organization to participate in a consultative capacity in its consideration of any matter of particular concern to that agency or organization, following the practice of the Economic and Social Council.

11. The Commission shall make arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations which have been granted consultative status by the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with the principles approved by the Council for this purpose and contained in Council resolution 1296 (XLIV).

12. The Commission shall take measures to ensure that the necessary liaison is maintained with other organs of the United Nations and with the specialized agencies. The Commission shall establish appropriate liaison and cooperation with other regional commissions in accordance with the resolutions and directives of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

13. The Commission may, after discussion with any specialized agency functioning in the same general field, and with the approval of the Council, establish such subsidiary bodies as it deems appropriate, for facilitating the carrying out of its responsibilities.

14. The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its Chairperson.

15. The Commission shall submit to the Council a full report on its activities and plans, including those of any subsidiary bodies, once a year.

16. The administrative budget of the Commission shall be financed from the funds of the United Nations.

17. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall appoint the staff of the Commission, which shall form part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

18. The headquarters of the Commission shall be located at Bangkok, Thailand.

19. The Council shall, from time to time, make special reviews of the work of the Commission.

Annex VI

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

As drawn up at the first session, confirmed and adopted at the second session, and amended at subsequent sessions of the Commission.

Chapter I

SESSIONS

Rule 1

The following principles shall apply as regards date and place for the sessions of the Commission:

(a) The Commission shall at each session recommend the date and place for its next session, subject to the approval of the Council and in consultation with the Secretary-General. Sessions of the Commission shall also be held within forty-five days of the communication to the Executive Secretary of a request to that effect by the Economic and Social Council, and, in that case, the Secretary-General shall establish the place of such sessions in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission;

(b) In special cases the date and place of the session may be altered by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission and the Council's Interim Committee on Programme of Conferences. At the request of the majority of the members of the Commission, the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission and the Council's Interim Committee on Programme of Conferences, may also alter the date and place of the session;

(c) Sessions shall ordinarily be held at the office of the United Nations in Asia and the Pacific. The Commission may recommend holding a particular session elsewhere.

Rule 2

The Executive Secretary shall, at least forty-two days before the commencement of a session, distribute a notice of the opening date of the session, together with three copies of the provisional agenda and of the basic documents relating to each item appearing on the provisional agenda. Distribution shall be similar to that under rule 49.

Rule 3

The Commission shall invite any Member of the United Nations not a member of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in its consideration of any matter of particular concern to that Member.

Chapter II

AGENDA

Rule 4

The provisional agenda for each session shall be drawn up by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Chairman.

Rule 5

The provisional agenda for any session shall include:

(a) Items arising from previous sessions of the Commission;

(b) Items proposed by the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Items proposed by any member or associate member of the Commission;

(d) Items proposed by a specialized agency in accordance with the agreements of relationship concluded between the United Nations and such agencies;

(e) Items proposed by non-governmental organizations in general consultative status, subject to the provisions of rule 6;

(f) Any other items which the Chairman or the Executive Secretary sees fit to include.

Rule 6

Non-governmental organizations in general consultative status may propose items on matters within their competence for the provisional agenda of the Commission, subject to the following conditions:

(a) An organization which intends to propose such an item shall inform the Executive Secretary at least sixty-three days before the commencement of the session, and before formally proposing an item shall give due consideration to any comments he may make;

(b) The proposal shall be formally submitted with the relevant basic documentation not less than forty-nine days before the commencement of the session. The item shall be included in the agenda of the Commission if it is adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

Rule 7

The first item upon the provisional agenda for each session shall be the adoption of the agenda.

Rule 8

The Commission may amend the agenda at any time.

Chapter III

REPRESENTATION AND CREDENTIALS

Rule 9

Each member shall be represented on the Commission by an accredited representative.

Rule 10

A representative may be accompanied to the sessions of the Commission by alternate representatives and advisers and, when absent, he may be replaced by an alternate representative.

Rule 11

The credentials of each representative appointed to the Commission, together with a designation of alternate representatives, shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary without delay.

Rule 12

The Chairman and the two Vice-Chairmen shall examine the credentials and report upon them to the Commission.

Chapter IV

OFFICERS

Rule 13

The Commission shall, at its first meeting of each year, elect from among its representatives a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen, designated as First and Second Vice-Chairmen, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election.

Rule 14

If the Chairman is absent from a meeting, or any part thereof, the Vice-Chairman designated by the Chairman shall preside.

Rule 15

If the Chairman ceases to represent a member of the Commission, or is so incapacitated that he can no longer hold office, the First Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman for the unexpired portion of the term. If the First Vice-Chairman also ceases to represent a member of the Commission, or is so incapacitated that he can no longer hold office, the Second Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman for the unexpired portion of the term.

Rule 16

The Vice-Chairman acting as Chairman shall have the same powers and duties as the Chairman.

Rule 17

The Chairman, or the Vice-Chairman acting as Chairman, shall participate in the meetings of the Commission as such, and not as the representative of the member by whom he was accredited. The Commission shall admit an alternate representative to represent that member in the meetings of the Commission and to exercise its right to vote.

Chapter V

SECRETARIAT

Rule 18

The Executive Secretary shall act in that capacity at all meetings of the Commission and of its subcommissions, other subsidiary bodies and committees. He may appoint another member of the staff to take his place at any meeting.

Rule 19

The Executive Secretary or his representative may at any meeting make either oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration.

Rule 20

The Executive Secretary shall direct the staff provided by the Secretary-General and required by the Commission, its subcommissions, and any other subsidiary bodies and committees.

Rule 21

The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the necessary arrangements being made for meetings.

Rule 22

The Executive Secretary in carrying out his functions shall act on behalf of the Secretary-General.

Rule 23

Before new proposals which involve expenditure from United Nations funds are approved by the

Commission, the Executive Secretary shall prepare and circulate to members an estimate of that part of the cost involved in the proposals which could not be met out of the resources available to the secretariat. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to draw the attention of members to this estimate, and invite discussion on it before the proposals are approved.

Chapter VI

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Rule 24

A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 25

In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these rules, the Chairman shall declare the opening and closing of each meeting of the Commission, shall direct the discussion, ensure the observance of these rules, and shall accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote, and announce decisions. The Chairman may also call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

Rule 26

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may raise a point of order. In this case, the Chairman shall immediately state his ruling. If it is challenged, the Chairman shall forthwith submit his ruling to the Commission for decision, and it shall stand unless overruled.

Rule 27

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may move the adjournment of the debate. Any such motion shall have priority. In addition to the proposer of the motion, one representative shall be allowed to speak in favour of, and one representative against, the motion.

Rule 28

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate whether or not any other representative has signified his wish to speak. Not more than two representatives may be granted permission to speak against the closure.

Rule 29

The Chairman shall take the sense of the Commission on a motion for closure. If the Commission is in favour of the closure, the Chairman shall declare the debate closed.

Rule 30

The Commission may limit the time allowed to each speaker.

Rule 31

Draft resolutions, and substantial amendments or motions, shall be introduced in writing and handed to the Executive Secretary, who shall circulate copies to the representatives at least twenty-four hours before they are discussed and voted upon, unless the Commission decides otherwise.

Rule 32

Upon the request of any member, any motion and amendment thereto made by any speaker shall be given to the Chairman in writing and shall be read by him before any further speaker is called upon and also immediately before a vote is taken on such motion or amendment. The Chairman may direct that any motion or amendment be circulated to the members present before a vote is taken.

This rule shall not apply to formal motions such as one for closure or adjournment.

Rule 33

Principal motions and resolutions shall be put to the vote in the order of their submission unless the Commission decides otherwise.

Rule 34

When an amendment revises, adds to or deletes from a proposal, the amendment shall be put to the vote first, and, if it is adopted, the amended proposal shall then be put to the vote.

Rule 35

If two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Commission shall vote first on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal; then, if necessary, on the amendment next furthest removed; and so on, until all the amendments have been put to the vote.

Rule 36

The Commission may, at the request of a representative, decide to put a motion or resolution to the vote in parts. If this is done, the text resulting from the series of votes shall be put to the vote as a whole.

Chapter VII

VOTING

Rule 37

Each member of the Commission shall have one vote.

Rule 38

Except for the provision of rule 6*(b)*, decisions of the Commission shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

Rule 39

The Commission shall take no action in respect of any country without the agreement of the Government of that country.

Rule 40

The Commission shall normally vote by a show of hands. If any representative requests a roll-call, a roll-call shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members.

Rule 41

All elections shall be decided by secret ballot.

Rule 42

If a vote is equally divided upon matters other than elections, a second vote shall be taken at the next meeting. If this vote also results in equality, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.

Rule 43

After the voting has commenced, no representative shall interrupt voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting. Brief statements by members consisting solely of explanations of their votes may be permitted by the Chairman, if he deems it necessary, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed.

Chapter VIII

LANGUAGES

Rule 44

Chinese, English, French and Russian shall be the working languages of the Commission.

Rule 45

Speeches made in one of the working languages shall be interpreted into the other working languages.

Chapter IX

RECORDS

Rule 46

Summary records of the meetings of the Commission shall be kept by the secretariat. They shall be sent as soon as possible to the representatives of members and to the representatives of any other government agency or organization which participated in the meeting concerned. Such representatives shall inform the secretariat, not later than seventy-two hours after the circulation of any summary record, of any changes they wish to have made. Any disagreement concerning such changes shall be referred to the Chairman, whose decision shall be final.

Rule 47

The corrected version of the summary records of public meetings shall be distributed as soon as possible in accordance with the usual practice of the United Nations. This shall include distribution to non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status and those on the Roster, and on appropriate occasions to consultative members.

Rule 48

The corrected version of the summary records of private meetings shall be distributed as soon as possible to the members of the Commission, to any consultative member participating in the meeting concerned, and to the specialized agencies. They shall be distributed to all the Members of the United Nations if and when the Commission so decides.

Rule 49

As soon as possible, the text of all reports, resolutions, recommendations and other formal decisions made by the Commission, its subcommissions or other subsidiary bodies and its committees shall be communicated to the members of the Commission, to the consultative members concerned, to all other Members of the United Nations, to the specialized agencies, and to the non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status and those on the Roster.

Chapter X

PUBLICITY OF MEETINGS

Rule 50

The meetings of the Commission shall ordinarily be held in public. The Commission may decide that a particular meeting or meetings shall be held in private.

Chapter XI

CONSULTATIONS WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

Rule 51

1. Where an item proposed for the provisional agenda for a session contains a proposal for new activities to be undertaken by the United Nations relating to matters which are of direct concern to one or more specialized

agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Executive Secretary shall enter into consultation with the agency or agencies concerned and report to the Commission on the means of achieving coordinated use of the resources of the respective agencies.

2. Where a proposal put forward in the course of a meeting for new activities to be undertaken by the United Nations relates to matters which are of direct concern to one or more specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Executive Secretary shall, after such consultation as may be possible with the representatives at the meeting of the other agency or agencies concerned, draw the attention of the meeting to these implications of the proposal.

3. Before deciding on proposals referred to above, the Commission shall satisfy itself that adequate consultations have taken place with the agencies concerned.

Chapter XII

RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rule 52

Non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status may designate authorized representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Commission. Organizations on the Roster may have representatives present at such meetings which are concerned with matters within their field of competence.

Rule 53

Written statements relevant to the work of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies may be submitted by organizations in general and special consultative status on subjects for which these organizations have a special competence. Such statements shall be circulated by the Executive Secretary to the members and associate members of the Commission except those statements which have become obsolete - e.g. those dealing with matters already disposed of, and those which have already been circulated in some other form to members and associate members of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies.

Rule 54

The following conditions shall be observed regarding the submission and circulation of such written statements:

(a) The written statement shall be submitted in one of the official languages;

(b) It shall be submitted in sufficient time for appropriate consultation to take place between the Executive Secretary and the organization before circulation;

(c) The organization shall give due consideration to any comments which the Executive Secretary may make in the course of such consultation before transmitting the statement in final form;

(d) A written statement submitted by an organization in general consultative status will be circulated in full if it does not exceed 2,000 words. Where a statement is in excess of 2,000 words, the organization shall submit a summary, which will be circulated, or shall supply sufficient copies of the full text in the working languages for distribution. A statement will also be circulated in full, however, upon the specific request of the Commission or of one of its subsidiary bodies;

(e) A written statement submitted by an organization in special consultative status will be circulated in full if it does not exceed 1,500 words. Where a statement is in excess of 1,500 words, the organization shall submit a summary, which will be circulated, or shall supply sufficient copies of the full text in the working languages for distribution. A statement will also be circulated in full, however, upon the specific request of the Commission or other subsidiary bodies;

(f) The Executive Secretary in consultation with the Chairman or the Commission itself may invite organizations on the Roster to submit written statements. The provisions of paragraphs *(a)*, *(b)*, *(c)* and *(e)* above shall apply to such statements;

(g) A written statement or summary, as the case may be, will be circulated by the Executive Secretary in the working languages and, upon the request of a member or associate member of the Commission, in any of the official languages.

Rule 55

(a) The Commission and its subsidiary bodies may consult with organizations in general or special consultative status either directly or through a committee or committees established for the purpose. In all cases, such consultations may be arranged on the request of the organization;

(b) On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary and at the request of the Commission or one of its subsidiary bodies, organizations on the Roster may also be heard by the Commission or its subsidiary bodies.

Rule 56

Subject to rule 23 the Commission may recommend that a non-governmental organization which has special competence in a particular field should undertake specific studies or investigations or prepare specific papers for the Commission. The limitations of rule 54*(d)* and *(e)* shall not apply in this case.

Chapter XIII

SUBCOMMISSIONS, OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND COMMITTEES

Rule 57

After discussion with any specialized agency functioning in the same field, and with the approval of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission may establish such continually acting subcommissions or other subsidiary bodies as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions and shall define the powers and composition of each of them. Such autonomy as may be necessary for the effective discharge of the technical responsibilities laid upon them may be delegated to them.

Rule 58

The Commission may establish such committees and subcommittees as it deems necessary to assist it in carrying out its tasks.

Rule 59

Subcommissions or other subsidiary bodies and committees, subcommittees and working parties shall adopt their own rules of procedure unless otherwise decided by the Commission.

Chapter XIV

REPORTS

Rule 60

The Commission shall, once a year, submit to the Economic and Social Council a full report on its activities and plans, including those of any subsidiary bodies.

Chapter XV

AMENDMENTS AND SUSPENSIONS

Rule 61

Any of these rules of procedure may be amended or suspended by the Commission, provided that the proposed amendments or suspensions do not attempt to set aside the terms of reference laid down by the Economic and Social Council.

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